

DECISION



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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-206959.2

DATE: June 14, 1982

MATTER OF: Trinity Services Inc.

DIGEST:

GAO will not consider a protest that a service should be procured from a particular firm on a sole-source basis.

Trinity Services Inc., an incumbent contractor for custodial services at Fort Lee, Virginia, protests the Army's decision to conduct a competition to provide the services for the 90-day period after Trinity's contract expired until a new annual contract could be awarded. The protester contends that the Army instead should have extended Trinity's contract, even though Trinity participated in but did not win the competition for the interim period.

Trinity essentially requests a sole-source award through an extension of its contract. However, in view of the objective of our bid protest function, to insure full and free competition for Government contracts, our Office will not review a protest that an agency should procure a service from a particular firm on a sole-source basis. See Ingersoll-Rand, B-206066, February 3, 1982, 82-1 CPD 83.

The protest is dismissed.

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